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SUBJECT: GUADALAJARA KIDNAPPING: PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S STATEMENT

1. PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA TOLD JOURNALISTS AT CEREMONIES CELEBRATING MEXICAN VICTORY OVER FRENCH IN BATTLE OF PUEBLA THAT " THE PHILOSOPHY OF MY GOVERNMENT IS HUMANISTIC. THE GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS THE DEMANDS OF THE KIDNAPPERS BECAUSE IT IS ESSENTIAL TO PROTECT THIS MAN' S LIFE".

2. ONLY AN HOUR EARLIER, PROCURADOR GENERAL PEDRO OJEDA PAULLADA SAID " WHAT' S IMPORTANT ABOVE ALL IS TO SAVE HIS (LEONHARDY' S) LIFE. THE POLICE, BOTH LOCAL AND FEDERAL, ARE WORKING WITH CARE AND DISCRETION".

3. PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA SAID THAT THE GOM DOES NOT YET HAVE THE LIST OF PRISONERS THE KIDNAPPERS WANT RELEASED, BUT THAT IT WILL COMPLY WITH THEIR DEMANDS TO SAVE LEONHARDY' S LIFE. (SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION ON LIST CONTAINED IN MEXICO 3078.)

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